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SUBJECT: POLICE BRUTALITY UPDATE: LAWYERS ALLEGE SEVERE
TORTURE OF INTERNATIONAL CELLS

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Donald A. Blome for reason 1.4 (d).

- [1](#)1. KEY POINTS -- (S) Credible human rights lawyers representing members of the Hizballah cell detained since late 2008 believe the GOE tortur
- [1](#)2. (S) Comment: The human rights lawyers alleging severe torture of the international cells are from xxxxxxxxxxxx. In addition to this new i
- [1](#)3. (S) Hizballah Cell: xxxxxxxxxxxx The lawyers told us in mid-October that they have compiled accounts from several defendants of GOE tortur
- [1](#)4. (S) Hizballah Cell (continued): xxxxxxxxxxxx asserted that "this kind of torture" is different from what xxxxxxxxxxxx normally sees, and s
- [1](#)5. (S) Zeitoun Cell: xxxxxxxxxxxx lawyers are representing 8 members of a group of 25 Egyptians and one Palestinian arrested in July on charg
- [1](#)6. (C) Brother of Hamas Spokesman: On October 14, the Egyptian press carried Hamas' public accusations that the GOE tortured Youssef Al-Zohir
- [1](#)7. (C) xxxxxxxxxxxx In October 2008, police killed this 32-year old pregnant woman in the village of Samalut (150 miles south of Cairo) after
- [1](#)8. (C) Mona Thabet: Credible human rights contacts have told us that police tortured Thabet in early 2009 in Cairo by cutting, burning and be
- [1](#)9. (C) Aswan Killings: In November 2008, police in the Upper Egyptian city of Aswan shot and killed a bystander while searching for a drug de
- [1](#)10. (C) Port Said Blog Post: On August 12, blogger Wael Abbas posted a video depicting the alleged torture of a man in the Port Said police s